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Weather Bureau  
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In reply refer to:  
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Dr. Allen W. Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Dulles:

Weather Bureau research meteorologists need to acquire a reading knowledge of scientific Russian. The ability to quickly review Russian scientific publications will enable them to keep abreast of published Russian developments in meteorology. In addition, our meteorologists will be able to be selective in submitting Russian material to professional translators for complete translation.

Would the Central Intelligence Agency Language and Area School be able to provide a course in reading scientific Russian for six to eight Weather Bureau meteorologists? We anticipate that it would be a six-month course, meeting two hours per day, three mornings per week.

Mr. Carlin, Training Officer of the Weather Bureau, has talked with Mr. [REDACTED], Chief of the Language and Area School, about possible ways of conducting such a course. We hope that you will be able to suggest some arrangements by which we may collaborate in this important program. There are similar needs in other scientific agencies and this course for the Weather Bureau could serve as the prototype.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

F. W. Reichelderfer  
Chief of Bureau

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